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1. EMB MAY IN ITS DISCRETION, ESPECIALLY AS FOLLOW ON TO TALKS DURING AMBASSADOR BLAKE'S VISIT, UNDERLINE FOR GOC'S BENEFIT INCREASING US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL IMPATIENCE AT INADEQUACY OF MOVEMENT AWAY FROM COURTS MARTIAL, SUSPENSION AMPARO, ARBITRARY ARREST AND DETENTION, INDISCRIMINATE AND WARRANTLESS RAIDS, ROUND-UPS AND SEARCHES, AND REPORTED INSTANCES OF TORTURE CONFIDENTIAL

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DURING 1974. MOREOVER, RIGHT KIND MOVEMENT COULD HELP WHEN CONGRESS RECONVENES SEPTEMBER 11, HOUSE FOREIGN

AFFAIRS COMMITTEE RETURNS TO MARK-UP OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE BILL AND BILL LATER GOES TO SENATE/HOUSE CONFERENCE. AS YOU KNOW, EVEN SUCH CLOSE FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF USCHILE RELATIONS AS SENATOR GALE W. MCGEE FELT COMPELLED BY FACTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION TO SPONSOR REDUCTION IN MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN FAA SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARK-UP. HIS WILLINGNESS TO STOP CUT-OFF WAS IN LARGE PART A RESULT OF GOC RECENT COMMUTATIONS OF FOUR DEATH SENTENCES.

2. DEPT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT TO DATE RESPONSE OF GOC TO REASONABLE SUGGESTIONS OF INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FALLS FAR SHORT OF CLEAR ACTION

SITUATION REQUIRES. INDEED, RECENT MESSAGES REPORTING SLUM RAIDS INDICATE THE OPPOSITE. IN DEPT'S VIEW COMMISSION'S SUGGESTIONS GO TO HEART OF PROBLEM GOC FACES IN US AND ELSEWHERE OVERSEAS AND RELATE DIRECTLY TO BASIC PROTECTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS OWED ALL PERSONS UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW.

3. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OTHERS, EMB MIGHT FIND IT USEFUL TO QUOTE, AS EXAMPLES COMMISSION'S REASONABLENESS AND RELEVANCE NOS. 1 (EMPHASIZE "IMMEDIATELY"), 8 (EMPHASIZE "UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES"), 6 AND 4 FROM PRESS RELEASE NO. 21 OF AUGUST 2, 1974. KISSINGER

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